

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Thelma Williams, hospital representative of the American Legion Auxiliary, expedited payment for 95,000 legion poppies made by the men in order that they may have their checks for Christmas.

The Oregon department complied, and the checks are being distributed this week. The 95 men who have been working on the order will each receive about \$20 apiece.

After the holiday the poppy makers will start in again to complete the Camp White Legion quota of 325,000 poppies, all made by members who receive no pension or other form of compensation from the government.

The Legion and the VFW are reported to be planning something special by way of gifts for the men this year.

Two holiday dances will mark the festivities. The VFW dance held Monday night was notable for the wreaths and other Christmas decorations donated by the Sims Cycle and Hobby Shop.

The WW I Auxiliary of Camp White is planning a dance for New Year's eve that should register in popularity. Extra decorations from Klamath Memorial, Amber, Calif., in the form of 12 wreaths and 25 swags were delivered by the VFW Auxiliary.

Among the carollers who are

appearing from day to day until Christmas Eve are the Medford High school chorus sponsored by the Red Cross, the Cub Scouts brought by Mrs. Caldwell, the Apostolic Faith chorus, Eastwood Baptist church, the Church of the Nazarene, the First Baptist church of Ashland, the VFW Auxiliary, Doris, Calif., group, concluding with the Prentice accordion band of 25 on Dec. 24.

Art instruction has been suspended until Tuesday, Jan. 4, when the classes will form in the arts and crafts building rather than the recreation annex, which is now being used almost exclusively for games.

The class will start a new study subject and new students are advised to enroll with the class now so that they may keep up with the work.

A message of greeting comes from Father John Cumiskey on a Christmas card addressed to Camp White veterans. He is now at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Silverton, Ore.

Postmaster Arthur Scarseth and all the hands turned out Sunday afternoon to provide extra service in picking up and distributing the day's Christmas mail. It was a pleasant surprise for the members.

Santa Claus, riding in an electric wheel chair, will visit the

Four Areas Viewed For Exposition Site

Portland—(U.P.)—James Polhemus, chairman of the Portland exposition-recreation commission, said yesterday the commission is concentrating on four areas as potential sites for the 8,000,000 center approved by the voters in the primary election last May.

They are Delta Park in East Vanport, the vicinity of the Auditorium, the area on the lower eastside between Broadway and Steel bridges and the vicinity of the power plant just north of the west end of the Ross Island bridge.

Polhemus emphasized, however, that the commission has not ruled out other possible locations. He said also that the commission wants to include the Pacific International Livestock Exposition as a part of the center.

Stanford Research Institute, which has been hired to assist in selecting a site, was directed by the commission to prepare a report for presentation Jan. 17.

Theater Wednesday evening to distribute gifts to more than 100 children of employees living at the station. A party will be held and cartoon movies shown. Parents and friends will also attend the "prelude" event sponsored by the VA Employees association.

Gulf Coast of Texas May Become Major Tuna Center

Rockport, Tex. — (U.P.) — The Texas Gulf coast may someday take its place along with the West Coast, New England and Japan as a major tuna canning center.

Marine scientists on a marathon fishing junket have turned up a big, sleek battler — the yellowfin tuna — among the 272 known varieties of fish in the Gulf of Mexico. As a result, an entirely new fishing and canning industry may be built along this fish-conscious coast.

Francis J. Captiva, a fishery specialist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, believes the yellowfin is present in the gulf in commercial quantities sufficient to keep at least 600 fishing boats busy.

"The job now," he said, "is to determine the months of the year in which they can be caught, where they can be caught in the greatest numbers and what type of gear is the best for commercial use."

Captiva led four exploratory cruises in the gulf this past summer and brought in 397 yellowfins weighing from 73 to 168 pounds each.

Good Catch Rate
"And we fished only about half as long in any one place as a commercial boat would," he said. "We kept moving, we did not just find a good spot and stop there."

The yellowfin, a highly palatable cousin of the West Coast and New England tuna species, was caught on a long-line rig fashioned originally by the Japanese. It is about five miles long supported by buoys and with hooks dropping downward from the line at intervals.

Once laid, the rig is left in place about three hours, then hauled in. Captiva said the "catch rate" was about 2.4 fish for each 100 hooks. It sometimes ran as high as 5.1.

"Compare that with the 1.9 and 2.0 catch rate of the Japanese in proved tuna waters, and you get a fair idea of the Gulf's tuna producing potential," Captiva said.

Captiva said two shrimping concerns along the South Texas

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Wednesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21-20	1 You	31 To	61 Resolve
Taurus APR. 21	2 You	32 Anything	62 Your
3 You	33 Will	63 Vital	
4 Don't	34 Be	64 High	
5 Be	35 Possible	65 Major	
6 Don't	36 A	66 In	
7 You	37 Wrong	67 Borgeous	
8 Skip	38 Optimism	68 The	
9 You're	39 Principles	69 Conditions	
10 Bold	40 Mind	70 Today	
11 Something	41 Judgment	71 Difficulties	
12 Whom	42 Gain	72 Rights	
13 Faced	43 For	73 Post	
14 Ends	44 Gain	74 Objective	
15 Guarded	45 Some	75 Best	
16 Originally	46 Negotiate	76 Aside	
17 Compromise	47 Cop	77 For	
18 Change	48 Good	78 In	
19 Vision	49 Protect	79 Be	
20 Likely	50 About	80 Heart's	
21 Take	51 Action	81 Financial	
22 Action	52 At	82 Matters	
23 May	53 Grieved	83 Money	
24 Walk	54 Some	84 Hurt	
25 On	55 Work	85 Feelings	
26 Against	56 Important	86 Smart	
27 Not	57 12/22	87 Dealings	
28 With	58 Financial	88 Desires	
29 Year	59 Note	89 Today	
30 And	60 In	90 Matters	
31 Good			
32 Advise			
33 Neutral			

Benson Said 'Flop' As Milk Salesman

Washington—(U.P.)—As a milk salesman, Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson is in a way an unqualified flop.

In his zeal to unburden the government of dairy surpluses, he installed a milk machine in front of his office last May. Something to solace officials while they cooled their heels.

The idea started off with a bang. At a lavish premiere, Benson and other bigwigs gulped down great quantities of milk and cameras spread the lesson around the nation.

But the machine fell on hard times immediately afterward. Something got out of kilter and for a long time it was draped with a sign reading: "Out of order."

Even when it was running, it never seemed to measure up to its premiere. An official ruefully admitted it "wasn't getting too big a play in that location." Machines elsewhere in the Agriculture Department were doing much better.

Yesterday, they hauled the machine away. Benson went out of the milk business.

San Francisco, because of its many hills closely studded with dwellings, presents a water engineering problem seldom encountered in other cities.

WSC's Butch Dies at Age of 14; Mascot 'Wasn't a Lady'

Pullman, Wash.—(U.P.)—Butch, the tough old cougar which served as Washington State college mascot for nearly 14 years, is dead.

And with its death, ended a masquerade during which it posed as the Grand Old Lady of Pullman. An autopsy conducted after death yesterday proved Butch to be a male.

Senile Ailment
"Long claws, you know," replied why this deduction hadn't been arrived at while the cat was alive. He added cause of death was "chronic valvular disease of the heart coupled with other senile ailments and a liver condition."

Veterinarian R. W. Leader said Butch hadn't been feeling well for some time, in fact not since Idaho beat WSC 10-0 at football this fall. The cat had refused to eat the daily ration

of horsemeat for three days. "Butch was very depressed," he added. Butch was one of the twin cougar kittens presented to WSC in January, 1942, by Gov. Arthur Langlie after Butch II died. One was a male, the other a female. One of them, thought to be the male, became Butch III but died after serving less than a year. So the present Butch became mascot. Everyone thought the cat was a female, but it was named Butch out of tradition.

Turn to Langlie
Now the cat has the last laugh, and school officials again are turning to Langlie for help. When Butch's illness became known recently, Langlie wrote he was "certainly sharing your concern about Butch's health."

"Rest assured that if it is necessary for her to retire from the position she so long has held, I'll be happy to cooperate in acquiring another cougar to follow in her tracks," he said.

California originated 41 per cent of the total U.S. rail shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables in 1953.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Delbert Whitley, insufficient binders, \$15.
Jack D. Meyer, operating motor vehicle while driver's license suspended, \$10.
Charles V. Birchfield and Ronald C. Smith, violation of basic rule, \$10 each.
Philip J. Sands, violation of basic rule, \$7.50.
Edward H. Franklin, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Howard C. Rice, failure to dim headlights, \$6.
Gale J. Jones, no taillight, \$6.
Roy Elmer Vermillion, inadequate muffler, \$15.
Jean C. Smith, overweight load, \$7.50.
Theodore R. Klein Jr., no operator's license, \$5.
CIRCUIT COURT
Pauline G. Kerr vs. Glenn O. Kerr, divorce complaint.
Hallett A. Anderson vs. Illa Mae Anderson, divorce complaint.
Malvina M. Smith vs. Carl David Smith, divorce complaint.
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Joseph Daniel Smith, 19, and Dolores Mae Lind, 17, both Medford.
Merle R. Burr, 46, Etta, Calif., and Ruth Bruce Lytle, 47, Greenville, Calif.

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Housewares—Basement

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Portland—(U.P.)—Jack R. Dant, vice-president of States Steamship Company, has been elected managing director of Pacific Transport Lines, Inc., San Francisco, it was announced today. The Portland firm purchased PTL this year.

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